

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 18 are pending, with Claims 1, 11, and 18 being independent.

Claims 1 through 18 have been amended.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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